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Edu certs soon in demat form

An arm of depository services provider NSDL has started the process of dematerialising education certificates. The move will stop the need for authenticating certificates and employers can directly access students' records. P 7

Geelani's protest calendar found

A protest calendar issued by Hurriyat hardliner Geelani and recovered by NIA points to the role of separatists in holding events in coordination with Pakistan handlers that led to violence. P 8

'No extension of ITR deadline'

The last date for filing of I-T returns for fiscal year 2016-17 will not be extended beyond Monday's deadline, an official said, adding no major glitches have been reported with the e-filing site.

Saudi scare for Indian air crew

The crew of AI and Jet that fly to Saudi Arabia are a scared lot as the country keeps their original passports on landing. The crew of an AI jet was recently held in Jeddah for this reason. P 9

Putin tells 755 US diplomats to go

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday that 755 US diplomats must leave his country, after Moscow announced it would expel US staff in retaliation for new sanctions by Washington. P 14

Digitisation push has raised cyber crime risks: IIT study

Urgent Upgrade Of Defences Needed, House Panel Told

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Demonetisation and the subsequent push for digitisation has escalated risks relating to cyber crime and India needs to urgently upgrade its defences by setting up a cyber security commission on the lines of the Atomic Energy and Space Commissions, according to an IIT Kanpur study shared with Parliament's committee on finance.

Noting that the government has initiated a number of programmes to enhance the participation of citizens in the fully digitalised economy, the study said cyber security centres set up by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) would be insufficient.

"While RBI centres often come to IITs such as IIT-Kanpur for expert opinion, IITs do not engage in relevant research on cyber security," the study said.

Incidents of cyber crime in India are rising sharply, recording an increase of over 100% in 2015 from 2014. The number grew from 71,780 in 2013 to 1.49 lakh in 2014 to 3 lakh in 2015. The study said attacks from the 'Equation group' — which WikiLeaks reports said was a clandestine CIA and NSA programme — infected India's telecom and military sectors and research institutes.

The committee was briefed by Profs Manindra Agrawal and Sandeep Shukla from IIT Kanpur.

The study pointed out that since the government was pushing Aadhaar-based financial transactions, securing the Aadhaar database against unauthorised usage must be looked at carefully.

It has come to light that certain banks were making hundreds of transactions on the Aadhaar numbers of unsuspecting citizens.

ATTACKS UP 100% IN 1 YR

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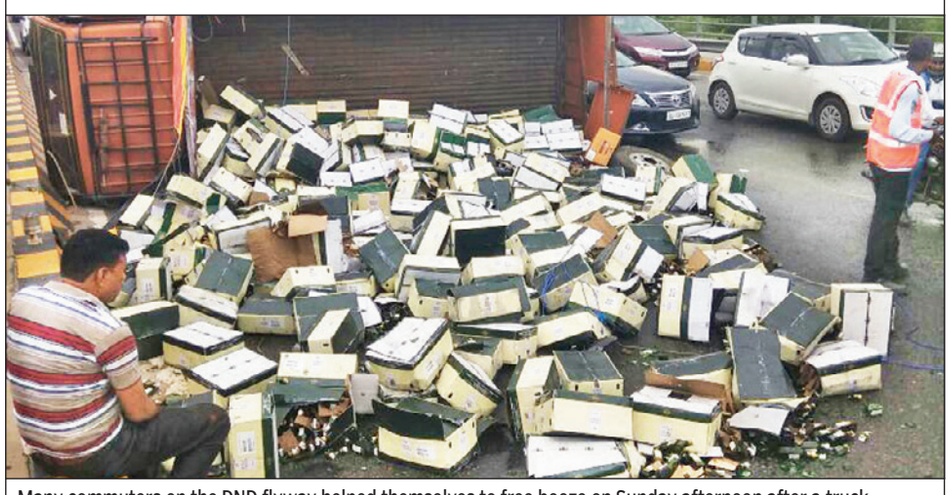
▶3m cards hit in 2016, P 9

FLYWAY TURNS INTO A 'HIGH' WAY



Many commuters on the DND flyway helped themselves to free booze on Sunday afternoon after a truck carrying a liquor consignment hit the divider and overturned, spilling crates of Indian whisky on the road. Motorists were seen carrying crates of whisky to their cars before cops chased away the crowd, barricading the crash site. A crane was called in to clear the mess but not before it had caused traffic jams for over an hour

ASG to Centre: Dismantle AAP House panels

The Centre is looking to clip the wings of the house committees of Delhi Assembly, in what may further strain relations between the Centre and state government, reports **Abhinav Garg**.

The home ministry and lieutenant governor sought and received legal opinion from a senior law officer on the functioning of the special inquiry committees (SICs) and department related standing committees (DRSCs). In his opinion, additional solicitor general Sanjay Jain has recommended that these committees be "dismantled". P 3

Xi's warning amid standoff: PLA can beat any intruder

Saibal Dasgupta | TNN

Beijing: In a rare appearance in military uniform as the chairman of the Central Military Commission, Chinese President Xi Jinping told a large gathering of troops that the People's Liberation Army was capable of defeating any intruder.

"I firmly believe that our heroic PLA has the confidence and capability to defeat any intruder," Xi said, without mentioning China's ongoing threats that include the border standoff with India at the Doklam plateau and the latest missile launch by its neighbour, North Korea.

"The world is far from tranquil and peace needs to be safeguarded," Xi said, ahead of the 90th anniversary of the PLA, at Zhurihe training base in China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on Sunday.

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> **XI JINPING** | CHINESE PRESIDENT

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▶Int'l role for PLA, P 9

BJP offering ₹15cr to each Guj MLA: Cong

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Bengaluru: With numbers becoming the deciding force, 42 Gujarat Congress MLAs, holed up at a luxury resort 25km from Bengaluru, put up a show of unity on Sunday, extending support to the party's Rajya Sabha candidate Ahmed Patel. His nomination has created a storm in the party unit.

National spokesperson of Congress and Gujarat MLA Shaktisinh Gohil claimed that BJP came up with an "irresistible offer" — Rs 15 crore to each MLA, a party ticket in Gujarat polls and funds to contest. "The BJP has resorted to low-level politics and is using money, muscle and state machinery to win polls," he said.

Congress indulging in drama, says BJP

Gujarat state BJP president Jitu Vaghani on Sunday said that Congress was indulging in drama and that MLA Shaktisinh Gohil was desperately trying to cover Congress's failed leadership. P 10

▶42 MLAs paraded, P 10

Stuffed into bags, dogs smuggled in

Customs oficials have caught some passengers at the capital's IGI airport trying to smuggle in dogs stuffed in suitcases, report **Sidhartha** and **Surojit Gupta**. "The dogs are sedated or stunned and put in bags," revealed a source. They are sometimes stuffed in between clothes and other items to mask them during scanning. "The animal goes through a lot of suffering. It is really painful to see them stuffed in bags," said the source. P 9

Isro aids global interstellar op

Isro became part of a global project that will help bring star travel closer to reality when its PSLV C38 rocket launched six prototypes of tiny interstellar spacecraft (which piggybacked on two European satellites) into low-earth orbit on June 23 this year, reports **Surendra Singh**. P 10

GST shift can be case study: PM

Almost a month after the GST rollout, PM Narendra Modi on Sunday said the "smooth transition" was historic and could be a case study for universities around the world. "I feel very happy and satisfied when a poor person writes to say how... prices of various items have come down," he said in his 'Mann Ki Baat'. P 7

▶Total registrations may touch 1cr by fiscal-end, P 7

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